GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENTS TO COMBAT TERRORISM
NIVEDITA MANE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The names of countries with which India have signed treaty/agreement to combat terrorism and the number of treaties out of them ratified so far; and

(b) the time by which the remaining treaties are likely to be ratified?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir. India has signed bilateral agreements to combat organized crime and international terrorism, etc. with a number of countries in the recent past. These countries are Bulgaria, China, Egypt, Italy, Oman, Romania and Russia. Out of these, only the treaty with China is yet to be ratified.

In addition to the above specific agreements, treaties on extradition and mutual assistance in criminal matters, may also be used in the extradition of persons accused of committing terrorist offences and for their prosecution in India.

Mutual legal assistance treaties have been signed with Canada, France, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey, UAE, UK, Uzbekistan. Out of these the treaties with France, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan are yet to be ratified.

Extradition treaties have been signed with Belgium, Bhutan, Canada, Hong Kong, Nepal, Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland, Tunisia, UAE, UK andUSA. Out of them, the treaties with Russia and Tunisia have not been ratified yet. In addition to these bilateral extradition treaties, extradition arrangements exist with Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Sri LankaSweden, Tanzania, Thailand which are presently in force.

(b) Yes, Sir. Every effort is being made to ratify the treaties which have not yet been ratified.